

Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes

July 14, 2020

Chairman John Berends called this regular meeting of the Yellow Medicine County Board to order at 9:00 a.m. with Commissioners Ron Antony, Greg Renneke, Glen Kack and Gary Johnson also present (in-person or via teleconference). Also present were County Administrator Angie Steinbach, County Attorney Keith Helgeson (via teleconference), Finance and Administration Deputy Ashley Soine (via teleconference), West Central Tribune reporter Tom Cherveney (via teleconference) and Advocate Tribune reporter Jess Gorman (via teleconference). Due to the current federal and state emergency declarations and guidance about limiting person-to-person contact due to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic, the July 14, 2020 meeting of the Yellow Medicine County Commissioners was conducted in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 13D.021 – Meetings by Telephone or Other Electronic Means.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approve Agenda 07-14-20-01 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the agenda. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Consent Agenda 07-14-20-02 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve the consent agenda items as follows: June 23, 2020 County Board meeting minutes; June 23, 2020 Board of Equalization meeting minutes; consideration of permanent status for employee; hiring of Charles ‘Doug’ Border as part-time Van Driver, his salary will be grade 5, step 1, his start date is to be determined; Voiance Service Agreement; Resolution for 2019 DECN Next Generation Geographic Information System (NGGIS) Grant Acceptance in the amount of \$12,528.68. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Citizen Comments None

Approval of Disbursements/Review Auditor’s Warrants 07-14-20-03 Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the commissioner warrants for the following amounts: \$41,565.45 Ditch Fund, \$234,542.52 Revenue Fund, \$22,969.54 Road & Bridge Fund, \$99,967.10 Human Services Fund; and acknowledged review of the Auditor’s warrants. An itemized listing of all warrants over \$2,000 and an aggregate total for warrants under \$2,000 are published on the County website under the Finance & Administration Department. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Commissioners’ Report Commissioner Antony reported on Emergency Communication Board, budget meeting, Personnel Committee, Sentence to Serve meeting, 6W Community Corrections and MCIT. Commissioner Johnson reported on 6W Community Corrections, Upper Minnesota Valley Regional Development Commission, tax forfeited auction, Labor Negotiations meeting, Area Transportation Partnership, Sentence to Serve meeting, meeting with County Engineer Andy Sander, update on the fairgrounds, update on Oraas Park, update on the Permit by Rule site, Food Shelf meeting, budget meeting and interview with DDA. Commissioner Kack reported on Area II/RCRCA, Department Head meeting and Food Shelf meeting. Commissioner Berends reported on Prairie Waters, Southern Prairie Community Care, PrimeWest, Countryside Public Health and Yellow Stone Trail. Commissioner Renneke reported on Labor Negotiations meeting, interview with DDA and Personnel Committee.

Administrator Steinbach’s report included meetings attended, current projects being worked on and future meetings to attend. Administrator Steinbach’s report is included in the Board packet.

Regular Agenda

Liz Auch, Countryside Public Health, gave a presentation.

The board recessed for break at 10:31 a.m.

The board reconvened at 10:45 a.m.

Wes Erickson, Minnesota Falls Township, discussed weed control. Others citizens in attendance were Sue Erickson, Chad Johnson, Steve Remiger, Jane Remiger, Tom Massmann, Gene Stengel, Mitch Kling and Brooks Torke. Also in attendance was Emilie Justen from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture and staff members Jolene Johnson, Chris Balfany, Andy Sander and Dan Moravetz.

Commissioner Renneke left the meeting.

Doug Waltz gave an update on the Fairgrounds.

Doug Waltz Invoice 07-14-20-04 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve the invoice from Doug Waltz in the amount of \$1,312.50 for the third quarter 2020 fairgrounds property management services. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Commissioner Renneke joined the meeting.

Andy Sander and Dan Moravetz, Highway Department, gave an update.

Bill Flaten, Sheriff's Department, gave an update.

The board recessed for lunch at 12:26 p.m.

The board reconvened at 12:58 p.m.

Casey Namken, Emergency Manager, gave an update. The board discussed the CARES Act funds and to reconvene the Ad Hoc Pandemic Committee to further research the distribution of the CARES Act funds. The board directed Administrator Steinbach to pursue a possible contract with the UMRDC to assist with coordinating the CARES Act funds.

Quote for Technology 07-14-20-05 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve the low quote from CDW Government in the amount of \$8,861 for additional videoconferencing technology equipment. One other quote was received. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

CD 44 Tile Replacement 07-14-20-06 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the low quote from K & K Tiling, Inc. in the amount of \$40,315 for tile replacement on CD 44 in Hazel Run Section 30. One other quote was received. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

JD 39 Appointments 07-14-20-07 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to appoint Commissioner Renneke and Commissioner Berends to the JD 39 Redwood and Yellow Medicine Ditch Authority. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

May 15 Property Tax Due Date Penalty Waiver Requests 07-14-20-08 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve the request from Adil R. Mian and Sadaf Iqbal for the May 15th Property Tax Due Date Penalty Waiver. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Subordination of AgBMP Assessment Lien 07-14-20-09 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve subordination of AgBMP assessment lien to new mortgage by Bremer Bank for Mary Crocket Norton. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Certificate of Substantial Completion 07-14-20-10 Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion for the old Clarkfield School demolition. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Maintenance Vehicle 07-14-20-11 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve the replacement of the Maintenance Department's 2010 F150 truck and replace with a Dodge Ram 2500 truck from Enterprise. This would include an additional trade-in of the Chevy Equinox which is located at the Government Center. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Western Mental Health Center Resolution of Support #20-2020 07-14-20-12 Motion by Commissioner Kack and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve Resolution #20-2020 for Western Mental Health Center, Inc. to become a licensed Rule 245 G Chemical Dependency Provider. Motion carried with Commissioner Kack, Antony, Renneke and Johnson voting in favor and Commissioner Berends voting against.

Southern Prairie Community Care 07-14-20-13 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the distribution of \$33,800 from Southern Prairie Community Care to Yellow Medicine County (Family Service Fund into an assigned fund for PrimeWest). Motion carried with all voting in favor.

The board discussed future board meetings and decided to continue with the virtual meeting option at this time for regular meetings.

The board recessed for break at 2:38 p.m.

The board reconvened at 2:45 p.m.

Chair Berends closed the meeting at 2:45 p.m. The meeting was closed under Minnesota Statute 13D.05 to discuss labor negotiations. Those present were the County Board members, County Administrator Angie Steinbach, County Attorney Keith Helgeson and Human Resources Coordinator Ashley Soine. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Open Meeting 07-14-20-14 Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Kack to open the meeting at 3:00 p.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Finance Manager Lacey Rigge and Administrator Steinbach discussed the 2021 budget.

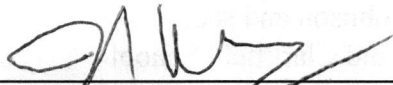
Other Business None

Informational None

Review of Upcoming Meetings and Events The Board reviewed upcoming meetings and events.

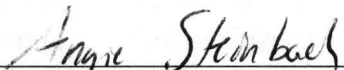
Adjourn 07-14-20-15 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to adjourn at 3:49 p.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Witness:



John Berends, Chair

Attest:



Angie Steinbach, County Administrator